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## HOUSE RESOLUTION 149 By Boner

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Mattie Poole on being named the West Nashville Civitan Club's "Citizen of the Year".

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize exemplary citizens of our state who work tirelessly to benefit others; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen is Mrs. Mattie Poole, a volunteer for more than 30 productive years at the Nashville Metropolitan Bordeaux Hospital and Nursing Facility, who was deservedly honored recently as the West Nashville Civitan Club's "Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, her initial involvement at Bordeaux Hospital was volunteering early each Sunday morning to transport patients to and from the 9:00 a.m. church service; over the years that role has grown significantly to her current schedule of working at least three days per week; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Poole's admirable list of volunteer jobs at the hospital includes weekly assignments of providing transportation for Sunday morning church, Monday morning beauty shop, and the Thursday Bible class; and

WHEREAS, she also expertly performs important monthly tasks of distributing the church calendar, and assisting the activities staff with one or two cooking classes; and

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WHEREAS, the Bordeaux staff has found that they can always rely on Mrs. Poole when some emergency arises or help is needed for a special event. She is one of the few volunteers who is "on call"; and

WHEREAS, although the transportation she provides for patients is very important in boosting their morale, she provides them much more; Mrs. Poole often arrives early enough to remind patients of the events and encourages them to get out of bed and attend; and

WHERES, she also serves as a direct line of communication between the various hospital departments and the nursing units; and

WHEREAS, because Bordeaux Hospital is a long-term care facility, Mrs. Poole gets to know her patients very well; and

WHEREAS, frequently, there are patients with problems they do not want to share with the staff or their families; the deeply compassionate Mrs. Poole listens to their concerns, and if she cannot reassure the person, she takes the problem to the chaplain or social worker; and

WHEREAS, even on the rare instances when this dedicated and diligent public servant is on vacation, she sends cards and remembers special occasions such as birthdays; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Poole is active in church work and is the primary caregiver for an elderly family member; and

WHEREAS, Anne Webb strongly supported the nomination of Mrs. Mattie Poole to be the West Nashville Civitan Club's "Citizen of the Year," stating: "Citizenship is the quality of an individual's response to membership in his or her community. Based on her many voluntary efforts, Mrs. Poole's citizenship exceeds the good category, and is, in fact, great! We are proud to support her nomination as Civitan "Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor this humble public servant; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. That we honor and

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commend Mrs. Mattie Poole, who reflects the finest traditions of the "Volunteer State" and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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